

Dear Members of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to the Twenty-second Annual Parliamentary Debate and Public Speaking Tournament at The Hotchkiss School on **Sunday, October 29, 2023**. There will be two rounds of Parliamentary Debate and two rounds of Impromptu Speaking. All competitors will need to compete in both debate and impromptu.

Each school may register up to two four-person teams, with no more than **one** in either division (advanced and novice). Space will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, due to limited classroom space, with preference given to DANEIS member schools.

The cost will be \$75 per four-person team. We ask that schools bring a judge for each four-person team entered. Unfortunately, we cannot provide judges. In accordance with DANEIS league rules, student judges will not be permitted to judge advanced debates. Parents of students debating in the advanced division should judge in novice. We also ask that any students judging in the novice division be experienced debaters who have competed in DANEIS tournaments at the advanced level. Please be sure to brief your judges thoroughly prior to the tournament.

There will be two rounds of debate. Resolutions will be straight. We will be following the standard DANEIS rules used this year and will use the standard score sheets. These rules can be found on the [DANEIS website](#). There will also be two rounds of impromptu. We will follow the rules used in other DANEIS competitions and the IISPC. Rules can be found on the [IISPC website](#).

Registration will be open from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the entrance to the Main Building and brunch will be available in the dining hall at that time. Briefings for judges and debaters will begin promptly at 11:15 and Round 1 will commence as early as we can. Snacks will be available after the final round.

Please **RSVP** as soon as possible and no later than **October 18** via email to dconti@hotchkiss.org with the number of teams you would like to enter.

Directions can be found on our website at www.hotchkiss.org. We look forward to seeing you in Lakeville.

Yours,

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